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House Resolution 2190

By: Representatives Dooley of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Wix of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Johnson of the 37<sup>th</sup>, Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Manning of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Marcus on the occasion of his 30th
- 2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Marcus has demonstrated his commitment to teaching
- 4 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
- 5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Reverend Marcus was called by the Lord 30 years ago to spread the Word of
- 7 God, and over the past three decades, he has led the congregations of St. Luke/Nimno Circuit
- 8 of Athens and Greater Smith Chapel A.M.E. of Atlanta and currently leads Turner Chapel
- 9 A.M.E. Church as the church's senior pastor; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a native of Trinidad, Reverend Marcus earned a bachelor's degree from Morris
- 11 Brown College, a master's degree in business administration from Atlanta University, and
- 12 a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church grow in size
- and influence from a small family of 150 to a mega congregation of over 6,000, with close
- 15 to 100 operating ministries, boards, and organizations; and
- 16 WHEREAS, over the past two decades, Reverend Marcus has overseen major expansion at
- 17 Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church, building a health and physical education facility in 1999 and
- a cathedral which seats 3,000 in 2005; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he has shepherded 100 associate ministers on the path to leading others to the
- 20 Kingdom of God, making a difference in countless lives; and

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21 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the

- 22 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
- 23 humanitarian, Reverend Marcus serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Reverend Marcus is united in love and marriage to his co-pastor, Reverend Dr.
- 25 Cassandra Young Marcus, who is also an ordained elder of the church; and
- 26 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Marcus is a source of
- 27 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and
- 28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
- 29 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
- 30 on behalf of persons in need.
- 31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 32 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Marcus on the wonderful
- 33 occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of
- 34 successful fellowship and leadership.
- 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Kenneth E.
- 37 Marcus.